

Date: December 26, 2006

To: Chairman Randolph, and Commissioners Blair, Downey, Huguenin and Remy

From: Mark Krausse, Executive Director

This is a summary of administrative activity and other matters since the report sent to you prior to the last Commission meeting. Please see attached the quarterly update to the Commission's Strategic Plan.

#### A. PERSONNEL & BUDGET

The Commission's Legal Division has been extremely fortunate in coaxing back Senior Commission Counsel Hyla Wagner. Hyla has been on an extended leave of absence during which her family temporarily moved to Jakarta, Indonesia. Before going on leave, she assisted Senior Counsel Larry Woodlock in Proposition 208 litigation matters, and regularly contributed to the timely issuance of advice and promulgation of regulations.

Also joining the Legal Division is Commission Counsel Sukhi Brar, who served as a legal intern in that division last year. Sukhi is fresh from passage of the bar exam, and will work on advice letters and, eventually, regulation drafting.

The Enforcement Division has hired two new attorneys. Angela Brereton received her undergraduate degree from UC San Diego, and her law degree from King Hall at UC Davis. She has been licensed for six years, and most recently worked for the firm of Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith. Bridgette Longero holds an undergraduate degree from CSU Sacramento and a law degree from McGeorge School of Law. She was admitted to the bar in December.

#### B. STAFF PROJECTS

The Technical Assistance Division's Cynthia Jones and John Symkowick provided a campaign outreach with the City of Sunnyvale.

The Communications Office published the winter edition of the *FPPC Bulletin*; joined with Enforcement Division Senior Counsel Melody Mathay to speak about the agency and administrative law to a visiting delegation of government officials from the Guizhou Province of China, and handled a large volume of media inquiries and coordinated interviews in connection with the Supreme Court decision in *FPPC v. Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians*.

Chairman Randolph, Bill Williams and I attended the annual conference of the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws (COGEL) in New Orleans in early December. The conference was highly informative and provided us an excellent opportunity to speak with our counterparts in other states, but also with local California ethics commission representatives.

### C. CONFLICT-OF-INTEREST CODES

Code Adoptions and Amendments: Pursuant to Government Code section 87300 and Commission regulation 18750.1, state and multi-county agencies seeking to adopt or substantively amend a conflict-of-interest code must submit the proposed code to the Commission for review and approval. The Technical Assistance Division has reviewed and, since the last agenda, I have approved the following conflict-of-interest codes:

Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission, State of California  
San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority

Exemptions From COI Code Requirement: The following exemptions were granted Pursuant to Regulation 18751:

Green Action Team, State of California

### D. FINDINGS OF PROBABLE CAUSE

There were none.

### E. REQUESTS FOR EXTENSION OF COMMITTEE TERMINATION

Doug LaMalfa for Assembly, (1239893) A request for an extension of time to terminate the committee was granted until June 4, 2007.

Mark Leyes for Assembly, (1232304) A request for an extension of time to terminate the committee was granted until July 12, 2007.